

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 647

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the South Greene High School Lady Rebels basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the South Greene High School girls basketball team and Head Coach Stephen Gregg have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Rebels' fifth state championship crown and the first in twenty-four years, this state championship was a fitting end to a tremendous season that saw the team compile a record of 35-4. South Greene previously hoisted the famous golden ball as state champions in 1987, 1988, 1991, and 1992; and

WHEREAS, fearless and confident, the South Greene Lady Rebels battled their way through the state tournament, defeating powerhouse Pickett County in the quarterfinals 65-48 before stopping Community High School in the semi-finals 71-67 to advance to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, starting two freshmen, two sophomores, and a junior, the sharp-shooting "Baby Rebels", who shot over 55% for the tournament, handed the team from Gibson County High School their only loss of the season as they claimed the title of state champions with a 61-55 victory; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Rebels received stellar performances by Miss Basketball finalist and State Tournament Most Valuable Player Taylor Lamb, who tallied 80 points and 33 rebounds in her three state tournament games, and fellow All-Tournament teammates Braelyn Wykle and Lyndsey Cutshaw; and

WHEREAS, the members of the state champion South Greene Lady Rebels are: T. K. Franklin, Taylor Lamb, Kinsley Wykle, Braelyn Wykle, Lyndsey Cutshaw, Ashlyn Reaves, Morgan Williams, Katilynn Franklin, Shelby Seaton, Haile Howlett, and Harley Bailey; and

WHEREAS, the members of the South Greene High School Lady Rebels basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the South Greene High School Lady Rebels basketball team for their outstanding performance, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the South Greene High School Lady Rebels basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class A state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.